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Pursuant to the applicants' duty of disclosure, the information listed in the attached Form PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the information identified herein are also provided.

It is respectfully requested that the information cited in annexed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, and that such art be made of record in said application. The references listed in the annexed Form PTO-1449 were cited in an official action dated August 22, 2003 in a corresponding Chinese patent application. Copies of the references are enclosed herewith. Applicants also submit herewith a copy of the August 22, 2003 Chinese-language official action and an English-language translation thereof, in connection with corresponding Chinese Patent Application No. 00135513.9.

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submitted in good faith, but are not intended to substitute for the Examiner's search. It is hoped, however, that in addition to apprising the Examiner of the particular items, they will assist in identifying fields of search and in making as full and complete a search as possible.

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The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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